

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 115

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 94

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 115—Relative to the Los Angeles County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 115, Nakano. Los Angeles County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate that portion of State Highway Route 1 located in Los Angeles County as the "Los Angeles County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway." The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers and signs.

WHEREAS, State Highway Route 1 is a north-south highway, spanning most of California, from the City of San Juan Capistrano to Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, A portion of State Highway Route 1 passes through Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, State Highway Route 1 has a strong historical significance for the military personnel of the Vietnam War era as it passes beside a significant number of California military bases on which military personnel were trained and dispatched to Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has the largest United States veteran population in the nation, comprised of some 3.3 million armed services veterans and representing 12.3 percent of the nationwide veteran population of nearly 27 million; and

WHEREAS, More than 350,000 California veterans served in the Vietnam War, which resulted in 40,000 of them being wounded and 5,822 killed or missing in action, representing more than 10 percent of the nation's total casualties; and

WHEREAS, More California residents died in the Vietnam War than residents of any other state, and more Californians received the Medal of Honor, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart than veterans of any other state; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County has the largest number of Vietnam veterans in California and 1,857 of its residents were killed or missing in action during that war; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Los Angeles County wish to express their gratitude and appreciation for the sacrifices these Vietnam veterans have made for their country; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that State Highway Route 1 in Los Angeles County be designated as the Los Angeles County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates that portion of State Highway Route 1 located in Los Angeles County as the Los Angeles County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.

